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IN THE
VESTIBULE OF THE CONFERENCE

Would you let me humbly share with you an intimate mood of approach to our Conference. Two verbal etchings face me in contemplation of the strategic days ahead: one, the word of Mordecai to Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"; the other, a sentence from Emerson, "We need to nerve ourselves with an affirmative."

The confusing vortex of circumstances which we face must needs drive us to Him that we may witness to the practical value and demonstration of faith. God does not ask us to create a solution to our problems. He is terrifically anxious that we shall discover the factors that shall work out the solution that inevitably lie within His purpose. It was in the whirl of terrifying days that Zephaniah uttered the word of confidence, "The Lord is in the midst of thee." For myself, I am earnestly seeking to deepen my acquaintance with His Presence, my affections with the mood of His Spirit, my will with the lines of His Purpose. I feel that the days before us furnish the opportunity for a positive witness of confidence born of His Spirit and expressed in triumphant service. May it be that the vestibule of preparation days shall be the place of prayer to this end.

FRANK ERNEST EDEN.

Mother J. F. Craft

(Mother Craft)

Mother Craft has gone from us and has received her crown. She fell asleep in Jesus on the eighth day of February. We have known her intimately since coming to Maymyo, now almost six years ago. We are the richer for having known her and shall never forget her. Her memory is precious to us, and will be to all who have known her. She delighted in doing good and was always helping somebody. Always bright and cheerful, and her mind clear and active, she was quick at repartee and always kindly. During the last few months, while she had little physical pain, her bodily infirmity was great, and she was glad to depart and be with Jesus. She was most tenderly and beautifully cared for during the last weeks of her life, when bodily strength failed her, by her daughter, our sister, Miss Julia Craft.

Someone has said. "No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife and all life not be stronger and purer thereby." The world is better for the strong, true life that has just closed here at Maymyo.

John McGuire.
Inez U. McGuire.

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The Home-going of Mother Craft

"And when the even was come, He said unto them 'Let us cross over to the other side'". Mark IV: 35.

Glad were the disciples of Christ, at the close of that busy day on the western side of the lake of Galilee, to cross over to the other side in His company to new surroundings and experiences.

Equally glad was our dear friend, Mother Craft, to pass over the narrow divide 'twixt earth and heaven. Throughout many months prior to her departure from us, she frequently gave expression to her soul's longing to "cross over" to that goodly land and to that eternal home, to meet with husband, sons, parents, and loved friends, and to be with her Saviour. Her mind was filled with peace; her heart knew no fear; a child-like faith in her Heavenly Father ever sustained her. All the promises of God's word were implicitly believed and in the green pastures of Divine truth her spirit found satisfying food and rest. Isaiah, twenty-sixth chapter, verses three and four, were fully realized by her.

Mother Craft loved the house of God and its services. Until impaired hearing made it impossible for her to

participate with profit in assembling with His people, she was most regular in her attendance at the mid-week and Lord's day meetings. Her habitual practice, in this regard, was an inspiring example to others. It is unnecessary to add that one who so loved His house and His word and His people, contributed generously of her means to the work of the church and other worthy objects. We greatly miss her cheery presence and her helpful and witty conversation and her kindly ministrations. Her memory is fragrant with happy recollections.

The funeral service, at the Baptist church and at the graveside, was attended by a large concourse of friends and sympathizers. The keynote of the service, conducted by Dr. McGuire and Pastor E. Grigg, was *Life forevermore, the Gift of God's Love.*

Whilst our sympathy flows out to her only daughter, Miss J. G. Craft of Maymyo (with whom she made her home the last twelve years), and to her sisters in America, in their bereavement, we at the same time congratulate them on having had for so many years such a noble mother and sister, and upon their confident expectation of meeting with her again in that land that is tearless and graveless, where all true believers shall finally dwell with one another and with Jesus, throughout everlasting ages.

Ernest Grigg.

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British and Foreign Bible Society

On January 28, I attended the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society with Sir Arthur Page, Chief Justice in the chair. It was a good meeting and my own heart and mind were deeply stirred by the perfectly splendid work of these great Bible societies and what they mean to us. The British and Foreign Bible Society is the society that is at work in Burma and we have had a great part in their work, for as a Mission, we have permitted them to use the Scriptures which have been translated by our Mission. This has been of great mutual benefit, for they have borne the loss in publication in the difference between production and selling price.

I was rather amazed to find that the contribution of Burma to this society last year was just a little over Rs. 3,000. We have never had a representative on the managing committee of their society, but I have been assured that we shall have one in the near future. Mr. Sherratt, the agent, has completed thirty-four years of labour here in Burma and he is retiring in a few months. It occurred to me that it would be an excellent thing for the missionary staff of our Society to give some demonstration of our very sincere interest in the work of the Bible Society in the form of a contribution this year. The gift does not need to be a large one. I feel sure that Mr. Sherratt would greatly appreciate it and it would be a fine token in anticipation of our Society being asked to have representation on their committee here, which will be of mutual benefit and will build up and strengthen the co-operative spirit which should exist between us.

Beyond that, let us remember that they are furnishing Scriptures and Scripture portions to the various races of Burma and to our own people.

Please send contributions direct to Rev. Wm. Sherratt, Agent, British and Foreign Bible Society, 262 Sule Pagoda, Road, Rangoon.

C. E. Chaney,
Field Secretary.

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Whatever experience you may be called upon to go through, be sure of this, that "the steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord."

Rangoon — Burman

A New Church

It has been many months since I reported anything about the work in the Rangoon-Pyapon Burman Field. The reason for this lack of publicity is chiefly due to the fact that we have really been too busy to take time to write about the work. The work has been going on along all lines and there has been marked progress in many ways. The latest reason for rejoicing has been the opening and organizing of a new Burmese church, at Thapyan village, in Pyapon district, a little ways below Bogale, which was started on its corporate life as a church on February 12.

I first visited the village about five or six years ago, when there were no Burmese Christians there, but found some Burmans interested. It was at the invitation of the Karen Christians there that we visited the place and it was through them that the contacts were made with the Burman inquirers. The continued interest and growth of the work at that place is due in very large measure to the keen interest the Karen Christians have taken in the Burmans, some of whom have been working with and near the Karens. In addition, some of our colporteurs visited the place many times during the past few years and always found some people keenly interested. About three years ago we baptised the first fruits of these efforts. Since then there have been additional baptisms from time to time, and during the past three months there were quite a few baptisms, nine at Christmas time and about a dozen a little later. On the day the church was organized there were about ten more. We have now forty-two members in this new church, with very good prospects for at least ten more during the next few weeks, and there are indications that others will soon come out before long and join the new Christian group. Most of these are Burmans; there are two Indians (northern), and there are a few Burmanized Pwo Karens, or half Pwo and half Burmese. Our workers have been greatly rejoiced by this visible success of the work.

Distribution of Literature. I mentioned above, the work of the colporteurs. It might interest the readers of the NEWS to know more about the emphasis we have put on this work during the past six years. We had someone selling and distributing literature practically all the time, *i.e.*, in addition to our preachers, etc. During the hot season we usually employ several of our seminary students as well. Statistics do not tell the whole story, but some figures are revealing nevertheless. Here is a general summary:—

Bibles and New Testaments	600
Gospels	17,000
Hymn Books and Song Books	1,600
Other Books	11,000
Free Tracts, estimate	50,000

(these include many leaflets and tracts on health and sanitation, issued by the Government Health Department).

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Memorial Chapel at Cushing High School

Those who have not seen the Cushing High School compound for several months will note many changes next time they see it. Ruggles Hall has disappeared and Wade Hall is now in the process of disappearing. Other and smaller buildings that have had their service have gone, thus clearing the compound of much "dead timber." But not all of this timber is dead by any means. Some will continue to live and be useful in the new Memorial Chapel which is now rising on the site of old Ruggles Hall. It is now nearing the plinth level and the contract calls for its completion not later than the 15th of April. If we can finish it a few days earlier, we may have Dr. Robbins here to dedicate it. The chapel is built of brick,

gothic style, and most of the materials both brick and timber, have been taken from buildings dismantled with enough new brick to surface the outside for brick pointing. It is 24′ by 52′, including baptistry. It will dominate the school compound, flanked on either side by the main school buildings, and overlooking the playing field which is being much enlarged and improved. A new and very satisfactory assembly hall, reconstructed over the science laboratory, as well as three new teachers quarters, of excellent proportions, etc., are the other major improvements that have taken place in the physical equipment of the school. More important than this has been the fine spirit of co-operation and real enthusiasm that has existed among students and staff throughout the year.

Geo. D. Josif.

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Field Secretary's Notes

There are two items to which I would call your attention at this time:—

(1) There have been several references to the information in the Reference Committee minutes that the Board cabled that we should be cut at least 15 per cent. and then a protest made to a cut of over 15 per cent. of local appropriations. May I state for your information that there has been no intention of spreading an even 15 per cent. out over the Mission. For example, in the earlier cuts, we protected the evangelistic funds and put the burden of the former cuts on educational work. Also the Reference Committee has in the past given special preference and protection to the appropriations of the frontier missions which were in many cases very large in comparison to what other stations down country received. But now, with the repeated cuts that have come, there are not educational funds down country that can be further reduced and we have had to make much of the adjustment in evangelistic funds rather than the educational funds. Consequently now in the face of the new cut that has come, the Reference Committee has been compelled with regret, to make large deductions from the large appropriations which have been given to frontier stations, as well as make deductions in the evangelistic work of us all down country.

(2) Remembering what a rich service Mr. Hascall and Dr. Thomas have rendered to us in the past in a general service to the Mission and how Dr. Gilmore also used to help in the matter of pastors' classes during the rains, I am under the impression that there are many of the missionaries who are preparing for pastors' classes and who would welcome the sugestion that Mr. Hanna who is giving much of his time to literary work, is available for this service of assisting in pastors' classes. Therefore I am glad to call your attention to this possibility of assistance for you in your pastors' classes and suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Hanna as soon as convenient to find out what lines of work he would be prepared to give and how much time he could give you on your program. Also make suggestions to him as to the line of lectures which you would like to have if you are planning to concentrate your pastors' class along some certain lines. I believe that this is a line of service where Mr. Hanna can make a large contribution which will be most welcome to many station missionaries who find the pastors' class time a period of extra heavy program.

Yours sincerely,
Field Secretary.

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"Search thine own heart. What paineth thee
In others, in thyself may be;
All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;
Be thou the true man thou dost seek."
—*Whittier.*

Daily Vacation Bible School

Sayama Ma Hannah has been travelling from "Dan to Beersheeba" in the interest of the D. V. B. S. She has just returned from a trip to Kengtung where she helped initiate the work. She has also just visited Myitkyina and Bhamo. From everywhere testimony to her efficient and helpful efforts reach us. Below are some excerpts from letters received, including a request for Ma Hannah to go to Siam. The Committee has approved of her going there to help towards the end of this month. Thus the work is spreading gradually to many regions.

We had a great time at Loimwe in the first Lahu D. V. B. S. during the month of December. The co-operation from the Lahus was fine, the children quite enthusiastic and the spirit good all round. It was a great success. They paid for the D. V. B. S. material I took with me as well as my travel expenses from Taunggyi to Loimwe. In Kengtung, I had the privilege of meeting with the teachers of the school, and with them, we drew up a program which they are working out, starting this week.

It was a great privilege to be present at a part of the Lahu Association, with over 1000 present. It was an inspiration to see so many, and from so many different places. We had a real children's service on the program.

Just before I left, I had the privilege of meeting a group of Presbyterian missionaries from Siam. They were eager to find out all they could about the D. V. B. S. in Burma, and extended to me a very cordial invitation to visit Siam. They would like me to be there about the last of March.

I have had a wonderful time. Everywhere, folks have been so good to me. I appreciate the hearty co-operation they have shown in the D. V. B. S. movement.

Ma Hannah.

I have been trying to send you a report of the D. V. B. S. work among the Lahu's which Sayama Hannah in her splendid way helped us to have.

Our eighty school children became most enthusiastic about this work, as did their Lahu teachers. It was really not a vacation school with us, but it was made one by dismissing the school for a week. This enabled her to get in nine days of good work with them.

You know Sayama Hannah well enough so that it is not necessary for me to say much about the effect of her fine Christian personality and charm which immediately won our boys and girls to her side. She carried the whole burden of this work, for Telford and I did nothing but look in once in a while. The Lahu teachers responded to the preliminary work and were of great help to her when she was ready for the D. V. B. S. proper.

The students were asked what the school had meant to them. One of our girls had been subject to much gossip which was unproved for lack of evidence. Ma Hannah's personal interviews helped so that she was the first one to stand and say, "The gospel has come to have a new meaning for me now." Several of the older school boys said, "This work will be of great help to us when we return to our villages." The little four-year-old daughter of David, our pastor, said, "I liked the new songs taught us." One of our teachers, Saya Ca Ui, said, "I have learned the value of graded work in Sunday School." Another teacher said, "It has given me much help for the children's work." All were unanimous in asking to have another D. V. B. S. in the very near future with Sayama Hannah leading them.

In handwork, she was able to do a real bit of love work with the girls. A new arrival was expected soon in Dr. Thein Pe's home, the sub-assistant surgeon of Loimwe. New soft cloths gave the girls an opportunity to show this friendly Buddhist family a bit of love. The boys, for their handwork, went to the carpenter's shed and made pepper bowls, pounders and wooden spoons, in which they showed much enthusiasm and interest.

L. Raney.

This is my "swan song" in this connection. Mr. H. W. Smith has been appointed to direct the work of the D. V. B. S., and communications hitherto sent to me should now be addressed to him at the Press. Letters can be addressed to Ma Hannah directly as well, either at 121 Mission Road, or c/o of the Press.

Geo. D. Josif.

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Bassein — Karen

Our Day which was inaugurated last year was observed in February for three days — Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More than 600 came in from the jungle, including twelve

choirs of which four were heathen. There were sports for both boys and girls and an interesting camp fire concert. One item was by forty-five from Madawgon village and vicinity where work has been going on for over fifty years. A boy from this village who was converted a year ago is the outstanding Christian in our high school. The prizes were given out at another concert held Saturday night. All day Sunday there were special services including a baccalaureate sermon by Thra San Ba.

When the W. C. T. U. women were asked to give up their meeting to hear a report from a worker in Kengtung, they said they would postpone it but could not give it up.

Funds are in hand to send at least four delegates to the Bible Assembly.

For distribution in the jungle, a Calendar 1933–1934 has been printed giving holidays, special concerts and examinations, including Bible and Sunday School. The standard rates for fees are also given. Burmese will be taught in the Middle and High Departments next year.

I have been asked to include the following in my letter:—

The death of Dr. Nichols is a great loss to his people, who, however, do not feel disheartened because of his removal. This is all to his credit, because he has so built himself into the work that the whole structure partakes of the stability of his character and genius. And he so trained and guided his people that they did not feel much change when he was off the saddle.

The evangelistic work, in which he always had his greatest delight, is being continued under the efficient management of Thra Maung Yin, a man who has few, if any, equals in this type of work. A master of three languages (Burmese, Pwo and Sgaw) an acceptable orator for most occasions, a man without guile, a soldier of Christ who has got something of the benefits of the British military training, he can make his way into the heart of any audience without much difficulty, and can stick to his job with the tenacity and regularity of his old guide, Dr. Nichols. He has evolved a system of evangelism which is best suited to the conditions here.

For the church work, a leader is found in the pastor of the town church, Thra Po Ban. He is wide-awake and abreast of the times, and has improved himself to such an extent that his fellow pastors come to have great confidence in him. Thra San Ba also fits into the work as the Superintendent of the school, and he has the full support and confidence of the pastors. Mention has to be made of the business side of the mission, a most difficult task. Here also the man is found, and Thra Maung Gyi, who is a Municipal Commissioner representing the small mill owners, is rising to the occasion like a young giant.

We do not know what the future has in store for us, but we have the assurance that overshadowing us is the loving kindness of God whose spirit can be seen working in and through His people, especially the pastors. The greatest hope lies in peaceful and harmonious co-operation of these pastors—the leaders of the community.

There is something remarkable about these pastors (thanks again to the genius of Dr. Nichols). They know how to work together in love. They are not lacking in ideas and in the ability to state their ideas clearly and succinctly, and lively debates are characteristic of their conferences; but once they come to decisions, they put their shoulders together and usually pull through. It is a real delight and a rare privilege to work with such people.

Clara B. Tingley.

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Reflection

I stood beside a lake of crystal water
And saw the clouds reflected from the sky;
I could not tell the real from the reflection,
So perfect was the image to the eye.

A sea gull flew above the quiet water.
With widely moving wings against the blue;
'Twas mirrored there in beauty and perfection,
And as the flying bird the image flew.

And may we thus reflect God's gracious goodness;
So live, and move with Him, in being one,
That every man who walks in this protection
Shall fully image forth the perfect Son.

Jane Polson Spearin.

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Mass Movement

Pentecostal history was written February 5, at Inye-kyun (Ang-Ray-Klong) village, near Kyonpyaw, at which time were held the most remarkable meetings it has ever been my privilege to see.

We had been planning for this meeting for weeks. We had visited nearly every church in our Northern field, as well as many non-Christian villages. We found a most wonderful spirit of co-operation and interest upon the part of all. Everybody seemed interested and enthusiastic over the prospects. Letters were written, churches visited and encouraged, campaigns conducted, personal interviews held and prayers offered.

Long before the time set for the meetings, the people were looking forward to the time in great anticipation. In fact they had fulfilled one of Carey's admonitions: "Expect great things of God and attempt great things for God." They had worked and prayed, and they expected God to bless their efforts and answer their prayers.

NYE-KYUN.

ng Pwo Karens

Inye-kyun village is a Pwo Karen Christian village on an island surrounded by a most beautiful, clear-as-crystal river. The only outlet this river has to the Daga river is a small streamlet about twenty feet wide, which is closed to all kinds of craft except small boats during the rainy season. Inye-kyun is an ideal location for a great meeting. Somehow it causes one to think of blue Galilee. The villagers had built a most attractive and commodious mandat under and around the little chapel which faced the river. In large bold letters they had a banner of "Welcome." It was the first thing one saw on stepping ashore. They had made every preparation for feeding and caring for the multitudes who were to come. They did this in great style.

On Saturday, February 4, the crowds began to arrive. Pastors and elders from Myaungmya district were present. Many from Bassein town together with our Gospel Team and band, twenty-three in all, came. Pastors, workers and elders from

Maubin, Rangoon and Danubyu arrived. Dr. Marshall, of the Karen Theological Seminary, Insein, Rev. E. T. Fletcher of Maubin, and Miss Rebecca Anderson of Bassein, were also present.

The afternoon session was an introduction meeting. The evening program consisted of a concert by visiting choirs and individuals. The choir from Yon-tha-lin church presented a very excellent drama. An immense crowd was present.

Sunday, February 5, was the crowning day. At the eleven o'clock service, Dr. H. I. Marshall spoke from Phil. 2:5. Immediately after this service all repaired to the riverside where arrangements had been meticulously made for the baptism. Crowds were standing under the trees on the sloping bank of the stream. A place about thirty feet wide along the water front had been fenced off for the candidates who were to be baptised. In the center and at the water's edge was an elevated bamboo platform for the director of the singing and baptizing.

About thirty feet from the water's edge in the stream, at intervals of about ten feet, were twelve bamboo posts which marked the standing places of the twelve pastors who were to do the baptizing. The candidates assembled and such a crowd I had never seen, three-hundred and fifty-three in all. They filled the enclosed space and after appropriate preliminaries, the twelve Pwo Karen pastors, dressed in long white coats took their places. The candidates formed twelve lines, each leading to one of the twelve pastors. Twelve candidates were baptized at the same time, one pastor each time asking for the confession of faith and giving the Commission charge. It was all directed by the leader Sra Myat Sein.

There was not a hitch in the program from beginning to end. It was beautiful, impressive and inspiring. In that crystal stream was a huge sampan, filled with teachers and girls from our High School, who sang at intervals during the baptizing, and this added impressiveness to the service. It seemed to me that all present felt that Kingdom history was being written. As the old Gospel hymns came floating over the waters to where we were, I could not but think of the Christ with His disciples as they walked, talked and no doubt, baptized on the shores of blue Galilee. What a day! Three-hundred and fifty-three souls took their stand for our Lord.

In the evening all assembled in the mandat again. The new converts were seated just in front of the platform. Sra U Shwe Ba, Sra U Po Daik, Miss Anderson and I all spoke, Sra U Shwe Ba and I directing our messages to the new converts who are to become members of several churches in that vicinity. They were approved by the churches for baptism before they came to the meeting.

After the addresses, the Gospel Team composed of young men and women from our high school here in Bassein, presented in beautiful style and with great power and effectiveness, the drama, "The Challenge of the Cross," written by Charles A. Marsh. It greatly impressed those who were baptized that day and inspired us all. It was so simple and the interpretation so obvious that all could understand. I was told that some of the men baptized that day from Buddhism were moved to tears. I confess with joy that my eyes were dimmed with tears also.

The day had closed, a day long to be remembered by us all. There were 2,300 people present at these meetings and three-hundred and fifty-three who followed Christ in baptism. Many more remain to be baptized. It only indicates what is taking place among our Pwo Karens of Bassein and Myaungmya districts. Brethren, pray for us and for these people who are moving toward Christ.

C. L. Conrad.

Home Letters

To "The News":

Each month I am refreshed by the paper coming to me, but as Assam news is not seen in it, very much, I will send some from this end.

During the Christmas season some Assam news has reached me. The Pettigrews are praising God for His mercy in saving so many people in tribes among the hills of Manipur. Dr. and Mrs. Warelius are at work at Kangpokpi where the Pettigrews live, and are doing much work for lepers and others who are sick.

The Andersons have left Kohima and, with their children are *en route* to America for their furlough. Their home is Alexandria, Minnesota.

The Cooks have moved from Sadiya to North Lakhimpur and are living in the old bungalow that was built by Dr. Swanson about forty years ago. This is the house in which my wife and I lived for so many years. Hundreds of Christians gathered to welcome the Cooks. At the time of my first coming to North Lakhimpur only Hindus, Mohammedans and tea garden coolies were there. Many new enquiries are coming daily to ask Mr. Cook how to be saved.

The Hardings will sail this spring for their furlough. They have done work in the Garo Hills that is of the greatest value. Now the Catholics are coming to try and take our Garo Christians. I have not been to Tura, but have lived two or three summers at Shillong, where I saw the havoc wrought by the Catholics among the Khasi Christians who had been brought to salvation in Christ by Presbyterian missionaries from Wales.

Quite a number of Assam missionaries now live in the United States. Probably we are needed here. Miss Wilson lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. and takes part in many activities. Dr. Rivenburg lives on a farm in Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Mason are very lively and teach Sunday School classes and do other good work. They live at East Aurora, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. D. Boggs live at Lawrence, Kansas. The whole Hutton family live in Winfield, Kansas. He is studying Hebrew and expects soon to be back in the Mikir Hills to make good books for the Mikirs. Our J. E. Tanquist is pastor of the Baptist Church, Alcestor, S. Dakota, and trying hard to get back to Kohima. Money is scarce with the Board. Mrs. Paul has moved from Ottawa, Kansas, to Denver for her health.

"Deputation work" claims all of my time in Iowa, and in States surrounding Iowa. This work is greatly needed. Every day the Lord gives me opportunities to tell some man how to be saved.

John Firth.

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Ferndale, Wash.

I am in Portland, and in a snowstorm. My wife is in the Good Samaritan Hospital, and in hopes of leaving it in two days. If we return to our home in Washington next week, it will make two months in all here trying to get our bodies fixed up, and the job seems to be pretty well done. She has had two operations, and I have had some heat, *i.e.*, infrared rays. But it *snows,* in Oregon near the *Coast.* We have had nine inches up to now, and it is at it still. Soft at first, it was lighter this afternoon. May be gone in a few days, however.

We are so glad that our health seems so good, and with promise of improvement, we might hope to see you in Burma by the end of the rains, provided, etc. We have spoken quite a number of times, and the last two weeks I have had nine engagements to speak for Burma.

One of the things that appeal to us here is the music. There is a fairly large number of good musicians, and the Portland Symphony with Wilhelm Von Hoogstraten as director, is favor-

ably known. We attended two programs, and I have gone twice since my wife has been laid up. The choirs in the larger churches and some others, sing excellent music and sing it well. A service of music at the White Temple when fourth voices blended with organ and piano was an hour to put in ones memory.

I have also enjoyed reading. There is a fine, large library, and we have used it. In Salem are a Governor, and a State Treasurer, and they do not agree. But I must not get into politics.

Half of our furlough is over, and we have still to see a graduation. George is still in line for June, and then, for the first time in ten years, none of the Weeks tribe will be in Linfield. The new President is very popular, and beloved of the student body. Everybody is happy. Especially so, our old friend, Ex-president Riley.

Norma's little folks are still the most wonderful. We try, when we see them, to spoil them, but thus far they have withstood our efforts. My wife thinks she is a "real grandma" for the children cried to come with us when we came away.

Reports from Moulmein are so fine, it makes us long to be back there and help it along. "Just a wearyin' for You."

A. J. Weeks.

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Namkham Kachin

Our ten-day Bible Conference during the early part of the cold season continues to gain in importance for us as a Kachin Mission. This conference was attended by nearly all the pastors, evangelists, teachers, and leaders of our whole field—about one-hundred in all. During these ten days we allow nothing to interfere with the conference; even the food is being prepared and served without any worry to the delegates attending. At this time we also take our mission census. So far we have always been cheered by numerical growth and this year we could report two-hundred and forty-three baptized and a net gain of one-hundred and forty-five Christian families.

At present the coming great Kachin Convention is absorbing our main interest. To care for a crowd of five thousand people in the jungle far away from any large market and for a period of four days is a great task. We are now storing up five-hundred baskets of rice and tons of vegetables. Meat will be brought in on the hoof and prepared at the time of the meeting. We estimate that about 24 steers and an equal number of hogs will be needed to supply the necessary meat.

Still the coming Convention has not so entirely absorbed our time and interest but that we also have time to carry on our main task. In the last couple of months twenty-two new Christian families have been added to our fold and likewise ninety-one received through baptism.

Gustaf A. Sword.

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A Suggestion in Rhyme

There has been a fine response to my call for suggestions for the Guest House. It will take a few years to put them all into operation but many are well worth it. One, which was sent in, was so original and clever that I am sharing it with you, leaving you to guess the writer. Perhaps some of the Rangoon missionaries could respond to *this* appeal by passing on each month a few good up-to-date papers.

E. N. Chaney.

My dear Mrs. Chaney:—the "News" says you're rich
In cook houses, drains, Simmons beds, and all sich;
But, you want some suggestions of what would be nice
For folks who are guests of your House once or twice.

My imagination just bursts into song,
For, each time I visit the Guest House, I long
(Not for spring beds, nor comforts, nor drains—no, indeed!)
For just something non-archæologic to read.

Near your big railway station a dentist resides,
Who prods all our teeth, our opinions deride.
Perhaps, if you'd ask him, from back of his screens
He'd donate some less-out-of-date magazines.

'Twould be better by far, if your greenbacks could stretch
To cover some new ones. Then each travelling wretch
Could feast his sore eyes on a paper from "home,"
That would not remind of the archives of Rome.

Oh, what a great thrill! Oh, what speechless delight!
To find at the Guest House, some hot summer night,
Magazines that refresh—just because they are new!!
Do you get what I mean? Well, here's hoping you do.

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During this month we had the Association, a good year all round. One hundred and eighty-nine baptisms were reported, and more than usual interest everywhere together with persecutions.

We had a good program. Mr. Case and his boys from the Agricultural School turned up and a whole evening was given to them with a very good crowd. The following evening the different choirs put on a good concert with a fine pageant at the close.

The Christian Endeavourers did so well with the hour allotted them that it was voted to give them a whole session next year. It was really one of the best hours of the meeting.

The attendance was rather small, but all the churches were represented. Money is scarce. For that reason the contributions to the Home Missions Society fell off a bit. The worst part about it was that salaries had to be reduced or rather the help from the Home Mission Society had to be reduced. The churches they serve were asked to make up the difference.

Now we are looking forward to examinations and the close of school, and then a breath of cooler air from the hills. J. T. Latta.

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Judson College Chapel

The structure itself is now complete except some distempering. The wiring for the lighting is nearly finished and the hidden reflectors are being installed. The pulpit foundation has been laid and detailed plans for the panelling of the platform front are being made.

At the suggestion of Dr. Robbins the dedication service is being planned for after the opening of the college year 1933–1934 and in connection with the annual Convocation of the University. The Faculty has recommended that the chapel be not used until the formal dedication service.

After getting plans for pews from America and constructing several samples and carrying on extensive tests, at last an agreement has been gained as to the size and shape for the pews. No further definite arrangement has yet been made.

My present hope is that sufficient funds will be provided by July to complete paying for the building and furniture, except the pipe organ, which must wait until the strain of the present financial depression is over. The amount needed by July should not greatly exceed Rs. 27,000. If there is a general response the burden will not be great. Wallace St. John.

Out from Pyinmana with a Troop and Trailer

We went on a concert tour across Burma with our agricultural students during the week beginning February 6. There were fourteen of us crowded into the little Ford and trailer and we stopped at ten different centres and put on some agricultural rousements. At the night stands in addition to the agricultural talks, we gave the drama "Myanma Thingaha" based on the life of Judson. The people became acquainted with the human products of the Agricultural School and the boys learned much by the contacts made and the agricultural work visited along the way.

Toungoo was our first stop and old friends from previous visits were there to greet us. At Nyaunglebin, the next night, we met a representative group of interested Karens. Next night, at Pegu, we had an out-door meeting attended by many from the town who had been invited by printed circulars. Next day the Health Unit at Hlegu and the Agricultural Station at Hmawbi were visited and in the evening we gave our drama at the Tharrawaddy Karen Association at U-Do village. Next evening we spent with the Burman Association at Gyobingyauk. The following day brought us to the Chin School at Thayetmyo where besides the Chins, a representative audience of Burmans from the town were gathered. Returning by the route we had gone, we stopped the next afternoon at the Chin village of Mingan for some agricultural talks. The next morning we talked to the pupils of the Tharrawaddy High School. That afternoon we stopped at Kyauktaga and had one of the most interesting visits of the whole trip. We met Captain Rivers, manager of the Kyauktaga Estate which comprises 36,000 acres with 90 villages and 25,000 people living on it as tenants. Captain Rivers was anxious to have our graduates come and settle on the estate to be demonstrators of diversified farming and better living, so as to improve the life and work of the tenants.

Friends all along the way made the trip most delightful and we learned many things which will be of value in our future work. We hope we can make such a trip a regular annual event.

We are now preparing for the Agricultural School Graduating Exercises, March 4, and the Rural Reconstruction Institute, April 11–26.

B. C. Case.

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My Utmost for His Highest.

"My eager desire and hope being that I may never feel ashamed, but that now as ever I may do honour to Christ in my own person by fearless courage." Phil. 1: 20 (Moffatt.)

We shall all feel very much ashamed if we do not yield to Jesus on the point upon which He has asked us to yield to Him. Paul says—My determination is to be my utmost for His Highest. To get there is a question of will, not of debate nor of reasoning, but a surrender of will, an absolute and irrevocable surrender on that point. An over-weening consideration for ourselves is the thing that keeps us from that decision, though we put it that we are considering others. When we consider what it will cost others if we obey the call of Jesus, we tell God He does not know what our obedience will mean; He does know. Keep to the point. Shut out every other consideration and keep yourself before God for this thing only—My Utmost for His Highest. I am determined to be absolutely and entirely for Him and for Him alone.

Oswald Chambers.

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"A lie which is half a truth
Is ever the blackest of lies."

—*Tennyson.*

The Christmas Pageant

10,000 Watch Impressive Spectacle

The Christmas Pageant enacted at Dalhousie Park on Monday evening by the congregations of the Christian Churches of Rangoon, the first of its kind attempted in Burma, will long live in the memories of a crowd of people, of all creeds and nationalities, of all stations in life, numbering nearly 10,000.

For an hour before the commencement, the gates of Dalhousie Park were besieged by streams of people who were arriving on foot and by gharry, bus and car. Though there were excellent traffic arrangements and though hundreds of cars were parked on the vacant land to the north of the park, movement on Park Road was at times difficult. Long lines of cars flanked both edges of Park Road for nearly the whole of its length.

Inside the park the thousands of people were seated in a huge semi-circle around one of the knolls in the park, on the slopes of which the pageant was enacted.

The Testimony of Silence

The opening scenes of the pageant were spoilt to some extent by the inclination of the front rows of people to stand up and the shouts of the people at the back asking them to sit down, but these interruptions were soon quelled by the volunteer police and from thenceforward the silence that reigned was a befitting testimonial to the pageant of the way it held the interest of all of the 10,000 who witnessed it.

This vast concourse was policed and shepherded into their places and order in general was kept by a band of volunteers.

His Excellency the Governor, Lady Stephenson and the Governor's staff witnessed the pageant and were accommodated in special seats immediately in front of the reserved seats which, it may be well here to mention, were all occupied.

A detailed description of the action of the pageant, entitled "The Gift of Love" has appeared in these columns already. The presentation was made realistic by the costumes worn by all the characters and the excellent lighting effects for which Messrs. Stewart Raeburn and Co. Ltd., were responsible. The singing, individual and choral (250 voices), was excellent, and included anthems, hymns and Christmas carols familiar to all Christians.

"The Gift of Love" represented God's gift of a Saviour to the world; there was a prologue, four episodes and an epilogue. A prophetic voice (the Lord Bishop of Rangoon) in words and tone heard distinctly by all, described the action of all the scenes presented.

The pageant began with the entrance of characters representing the World, Sin, Death, Pestilence, War and Injustice. The prophetic voice reproved the World for its wilful iniquities but promises the coming of a deliverer and then the World and the other characters moved off towards the audience to watch for the fulfilment of the promise.

The Nativity Scene

The first episode of the pageant, the Annunciation, showed watchmen bearing lanterns and moving about, searching; the Virgin Mary attended by a choir of angels walked slowly down the hill and was met by the Archangel Gabriel, while the prophetic voice announced the Annunciation.

The chorus of angels sang the Magnificat.

The second episode, the Nativity, showed the Holy Family around the Crib while the prophetic voice announced the birth of Jesus; a chorus of angels appeared round the Crib singing "Angels from the Realms of Glory"; the shepherds, the three Wise Men, and then the children worshipped round the Crib.

The third episode portrayed the Garden of Gethsamane during which the prophetic voice announced the betrayal of the Saviour and His acceptance of His Father's will.

The fourth episode pictured the Cross and after the chorus had sung "O Perfect Life of Love" the prophetic voice explained the characters, whose lives had been renewed by Jesus, and who made their way to the foot of the Cross.

The Epilogue portrayed the return of the World, Sin, Death, Pestilence, War and Injustice.

The chains fettering the World are removed and laid at the foot of the Cross, and the children, the angelic choir and the chorus drew near and all sang together the hymn "Christ for the World We Sing."

From the success which attended this pageant, it is to be hoped that the organizers will make it a yearly institution in Rangoon for, from the point of view of not only Christians but all others, it was excellent publicity for Christianity and what it stands for.

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By the way

Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way? St. Luke 24: 32.

Go with me, Master, by the way,
Make every day a walk with Thee;
New glory shall the sunshine gain,
And all the clouds shall lightened be.
Go with me on life's dusty road
And help me bear the weary load.

Talk with me, Master, by the way;
The voices of the world recede,
The shadows darken o'er the land,—
How poor am I, how great my need.
Speak to my heart disquieted
Till it shall lose its fear and dread.

Bide with me, Master, all the way,
Though to my blinded eyes unknown;
So shall I feel a Presence near
Where I had thought I walked alone.
And when, far spent, the days decline,
Break Thou the bread, dear Guest of mine!

—*Annie Johnson Flint.*

Maymyo Rest House

Telegrams for the Memorial Rest House may be addressed simply *McGuire-Maymyo,* and if for guests in the house, *McGuire*—(name of guest)—*Maymyo.* Thus several words can be saved.

Inez U. McGuire.

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Notice

The next Rural Reconstruction Institute at Pyinmana will be held April 11–26. In addition to my course on Fruit Growing and Poultry, Prof. Andrus of Judson College is arranging a course on Rural Economics. A course will also be given on Home Economics, Home Health and Recreation. The board and lodging for the period will be Rs. 6/-. Half third class fare R. R. Concessions can also be obtained.

B. C. Case.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE, a Burmese translation, is just off the Press. Most of you are acquainted with the English edition. It is very attractively bound in paper, and is priced low, so that it will be within the reach of everyone. It is hoped that it will be introduced to all Christians who read Burmese, no matter what racial group they belong to.

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Sailings

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Henderson, M.D., on February 25, by S. S. *Sagaing.*

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For Sale

One Overland Whippet, 1927 Model. Two door coach. Mileage 30,500. New roof and wood work last year. Two tyres good condition. Export model with built-in right hand drive.

German made piano, re-built by Misquith in 1928 and kept in condition by same firm ever since.

G. E. Gates, *Judson College.*

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Where the work of grace has been imparted to the believer by the Spirit of God it will be manifested in his life.

We think we have no secret faults because we are too busy to look for them.